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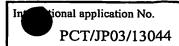
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Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YE:
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		МО
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YE
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The subject matters of claims 1-5 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step, since they are neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor could have been easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art.

Especially, the additive (A) stated in claim 1 is not disclosed in any of the documents.

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